

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY M.A.

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The Master of Arts degree program in Marriage and Family Therapy offers training in the professional practice of couple and family therapy from a distinctly Christian perspective. Our students are prepared for employment and licensure as master's-level marriage and family therapists. Regulations and requirements on the practice of master's-level therapists vary from state to state, and applicants should become familiar with the requirements in the state in which they wish to practice. Students who wish to practice in the state of Illinois at the master's level must obtain a license as a Marriage and Family Therapist. The Master of Arts degree program in Marriage and Family Therapy is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE).

Admissions

Deadlines and requirements will vary depending on degree and program.

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Requirements for admission to the Master's Program in Marriage and Family Therapy include completion of a bachelor's degree, and participation in an interview process. No prerequisites are required.

Requirements

Requirements for the Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy are 60 semester hours of course work which include nine hours of clinical practicum over 12 months. Required courses include:

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
MAFT 601	Enduring Systemic Questions	1
MAFT 618	Family Therapy Research & Implications for Evidence-Based Practice	3
MAFT 624	MFT Ethics & Professional Practice	3
MAFT 631	Individual & Family Life Cycle Development	3
MAFT 633	Couple Therapy: Systemic Assessment and Intervention	3
MAFT 634	Marriage & Family Therapy I: Theoretical Foundations	3
MAFT 635	Marriage & Family Therapy II: Systemic Assessment & Intervention	3
MAFT 637	Families in Context: Culture, class, ethnicity, gender, sexual identity & religion	3

MAFT 642	Psychopathology & the Family	3
MAFT 643	Trauma and Addiction: Systemic Assessment and Intervention	3
MAFT 645	Systemic Interventions with Children and Adolescents	3
MAFT 656	Integration seminar: MFT and Christian faith/practice	3
MAFT 658	Business of Mar. & Fam. Thrpy	1
MAFT 659	Human Sexuality	1
MAFT 671	Personal and Professional Development Group I	1
MAFT 672	Personal and Professional Development Group II	1
MAFT 673	Personal and Professional Development Group III	1
MAFT 674	Personal and Professional Development Group IV	1
MAFT 675	Practicum & Supervision I	3
MAFT 676	Practicum & Supervision II	3
MAFT 677	Practicum & Supervision III (Summer)	1
MAFT 678	Internship & Supervision I	2
MAFT 679	Internship & Supervision II	2
PSYC 512	Theories and Principles of Counseling	3
BITH 561	Theological Anthropology	2
BITH 565	Christian Theology	4

Optional Electives

Students may select from the following in consultation with an advisor and the PSYC or CMHC program director.

CMHC courses	
400-level PSYC courses (maximum of 8 credits)	
600-level psychology courses	
Specified 800-level psychology courses	

Total Credits **60**